

Congressman Pence hosted the first district town hall meeting of 2009 today in Muncie. As the *Star Press* reports, the topic on everyone's mind was the state of the economy and what the government should or should not do.

*Pence, who has opposed bailouts for banks and the auto industry, said he would be willing to support loans to the states for infrastructure and other needs.*

*"We cannot allow the stimulus bill to be a vehicle for pork barrel spending," Pence said.*

*Pence, recently elected chairman of the House Republican Conference, agreed Congress needed to act, but in a way that was both "effective and fiscally responsible."*

*New jobs will come by encouraging investment in small business and family farms, the congressman said.*

The article in its entirety is available [HERE](#) .